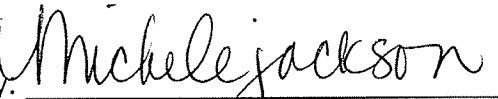


ANALYSIS

This ordinance amends Title 3 – Advisory Commissions and Committees of the Los Angeles County Code to readopt Chapter 3.75 – Policy Roundtable for Childcare, which established the Policy Roundtable for Childcare.

Pursuant to Section 3.75.070, the Policy Roundtable for Childcare inadvertently terminated on June 30, 2006. Therefore, it is necessary for the Board to adopt the attached amended and restated Chapter 3.75 which is identical to the original Chapter 3.75 except for Section 3.75.070 which imposes a sunset review date of June 30, 2011.

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Title 3 – Advisory Commissions and Committees of the Los Angeles County Code to readopt and continue Chapter 3.75 – Policy Roundtable for Childcare and to establish a sunset review date of June 30, 2011.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 3.75 – Policy Roundtable for Childcare is hereby amended and restated to read as follows:

Chapter 3.75

POLICY ROUNDTABLE FOR CHILDCARE

3.75.010 Creation.

There is created a Los Angeles County policy roundtable for child care, hereinafter referred to as the "roundtable."

3.75.020 Members.

The roundtable members shall be appointed by the board of supervisors and shall consist of:

- A. Chair of the child care planning committee;
- B. One representative nominated by each of the following entities:
 - 1. Department of public social services,
 - 2. Department of children and family services,
 - 3. Chief administrative office,
 - 4. Department of parks and recreation,

5. Los Angeles County office of education,
6. Los Angeles Unified School District,
7. Child Care Alliance of Los Angeles, comprised of the 10 state funded child care resource and referral agencies,
8. Southern California Association for the Education of Young Children,
9. Commission for Children and Families,
10. Los Angeles Children and Families First Proposition 10 Commission;
11. Los Angeles Universal Preschool;

C. One member from each of the following expert categories, with background, knowledge, expertise and/or experience in child care, early childhood education, or child development fields. Each member of the board shall nominate a member from that category listed below assigned to the member of the board by lottery conducted in a manner designated by the executive office of the board:

1. Academia or research,
2. Private business sector,
3. Philanthropy,
4. Community or legal advocacy,
5. Child care;

D. Five members, one nominated by each member of the board and selected from any of the following categories, with background, knowledge, expertise, and/or experience in child care, early childhood education, or child development:

1. Faith-based child care center operator,
2. Employer-supported child care center operator,
3. Family child care program operator,
4. Private or public child care center operator,
5. Child care advocate,
6. Parent,
7. Demographer,
8. Facilities finance expert,
9. Economist,
10. Labor representative,
11. CalWORKs participant,
12. Any person who is an expert in one of the expert categories set

forth in Section 3.75.020 C.

3.75.030 Term of service.

A. All members of the roundtable shall serve at the pleasure of the board.

B. At its first meeting, the members of the roundtable shall classify themselves, excluding the members described in Section 3.75.020 A and B, by lot, so that half of the members shall serve an initial term of two years, and the remaining half of the members shall serve a term of four years. After the initial term, the term of each member shall be four years.

C. With the exception of the members described in Section 3.75.020 A and B, no member of the roundtable may serve more than two consecutive full terms of service.

For purposes of this section, an initial two-year term served by a member shall not count as a full term served.

D. A member's position on the roundtable shall become vacant upon the member's death, resignation, or removal by the board or in the event the member's employment or status no longer meets the membership criteria set forth in Section 3.75.020. If such a vacancy should occur, the appointed successor, nominated pursuant to Section 3.75.040, shall complete the remainder of the term.

3.75.040 Vacancies.

A nomination for a member to fill a vacancy shall be made by the nominating entity of the member whose position becomes vacant.

3.75.050 Conflict of interest.

No individual shall be appointed to the roundtable if that individual or an agency he or she represents or in which he or she holds a financial interest receives a contract or incurs a financial benefit based on recommendations made by or received by the roundtable, unless the board makes a finding that special circumstances exist which justify his or her appointment. In cases where such an interest exists at the time of a member's appointment or develops after appointment and the board has made the special finding required above, the member shall abstain from participating in any analysis, discussion, decision or recommendation affecting such interest.

3.75.060 Staff.

The roundtable shall be supported by staff of the office of child care within the chief administrative office.

3.75.070 Sunset review date.

The sunset review date for the roundtable shall be June 30, 2011.

3.75.080 Operating procedures.

The roundtable shall adopt bylaws, including provisions relating to the frequency, time and place of holding meetings, elections and terms of its chair and other officers, conflict of interest laws, and such other rules and procedures as it deems necessary or convenient for the conduct of the roundtable's activities and operation. A quorum of the roundtable shall be a majority of the roundtable members who have been appointed, but in no event shall a quorum be less than eight.

3.75.090 Mission.

The mission of the roundtable is to serve as the official county body on all matters relating to child care, working in collaboration with the child care planning committee and the Children's Planning Council, to build and strengthen the child care system and infrastructure in the county by providing policy recommendations to the board.

3.75.100 Roles and responsibilities.

The roundtable will have the following roles and responsibilities:

A. Develop a regional child care and development master plan for consideration by the board;

B. Develop child care policy recommendations based on solid research, economic forecasts, projected demographic shifts and trends, and federal and state policies, taking into account all forms of child care, including without limitation, faith-based, home-based, public, private, center-based, and employer-based;

C. Promote the coordination and integration of county-related child care, including all county departmental activity for employees and the public;

D. Work with the chief administrative office to develop recommendations for consideration by the board on state and federal legislation regarding child care;

E. Identify strategies to help coordinate, leverage, and maximize all child care funding streams in the county;

F. Develop recommendations to promote universal access to child care and development services, including but not limited to services for preschool care;

G. Identify strategies and recommendations to include faith-based organizations in the provision of child care;

H. Designate a member to serve on the Children's Planning Council;

I. Conduct and distribute an annual evaluation, or "report card" of the roundtable's work; and

J. Make quarterly status reports to the board.

3.75.110 Subcommittees.

The roundtable shall establish one or more subcommittees to provide technical and professional expertise and support for any purposes that it decides will be beneficial. Such subcommittee(s) may include members of the child care planning committee as deemed necessary by the roundtable. Each subcommittee shall meet and shall make recommendations and reports as deemed necessary or appropriate by the roundtable.

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